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that the age of the fowl, the breed, and other factors may have a bearing on the results, and further work is needed along this line as well as on the relation of the fly *Lucilia cæsar* to the disease.

COURT DECISION ON PURIFICATION OF WATER SUPPLY.

The Court of Appeals of Kentucky has decided¹ that under the statutes the State board of health can forbid the furnishing by a company of impure water to a community on the ground that such water is a nuisance, but can not direct the use of any particular method of purification. The following is a portion of the court's opinion:

* * * We have no doubt that the State board of health may, under said section 2057, abate any nuisance in this State caused by filth which induces sickness. In this respect the powers of the board are broad, but not unlimited, and must be exercised within a sound discretion; not whimsically or capriciously nor arbitrarily. If the board of health in dealing with such matters does not exceed its powers nor abuse its discretion, its orders will be upheld by courts as final and conclusive. * * *

Although, as said above, the board of health has the power to abate a nuisance, source of filth or cause of sickness, it has no mandatory power enabling it to direct the method by which the result shall be accomplished. It can only cause the abatement of the nuisance, and is not concerned with the method by which it is done. In other words, it may stop the furnishing of impure and dangerous water to a community, but it has no power to direct a water company to install any particular character of plant for sedimentation, filtration, or chlorination of the water, and the water company may adopt any system that may seem best or expedient to it, if the system adopted produces the results desired—clear, soft, wholesome water. * * *

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JAN. 14, 1922.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Jan. 14, 1922, and corresponding week, 1921. (From the Weekly Health Index, Jan. 17, 1922, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Jan. 14, 1922.	Corresponding week, 1921.
Policies in force.....	48, 548, 844	45, 700, 065
Number of death claims.....	10, 240	9, 697
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	11. 0	11. 1

¹Prunell et al. v. Maysville Water Co., 234 S. W., 967.

Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended Jan. 14, 1922, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1921. (From the Weekly Health Index, Jan. 17, 1922, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

City.	Estimated population July 1, 1921.	Week ended Jan. 14, 1922.		Annual death rate per 1,000, corresponding week, 1921.	Deaths under 1 year.		Infant mortality rate, week ended Jan. 14, 1922. ²
		Total deaths.	Death rate. ¹		Week ended Jan. 14, 1922.	Corresponding week, 1921.	
Total.....	27,361,764	7,220	13.8	13.3	933	922	.....
Akron, Ohio.....	208,435	27	6.8	9.1	0	7	0
Albany, N. Y.....	115,071	31	14.0	17.7	3	4	67
Altanta, Ga.....	297,473	60	15.1	15.6	11	5	.....
Baltimore, Md.....	750,864	220	15.3	14.4	19	30	63
Birmingham, Ala.....	186,133	61	17.1	18.8	9	11	11
Boston, Mass.....	757,634	222	15.3	13.6	20	26	53
Bridgeport, Conn. ³	143,555	33	12.0	8.7	5	5	62
Buffalo, N. Y.....	519,608	138	13.8	12.3	18	20	71
Cambridge, Mass.....	110,444	31	14.6	10.4	4	3	73
Camden, N. J.....	119,672	28	12.2	18.3	3	5	46
Chicago, Ill.....	2,780,655	652	12.2	13.3	102	106	.....
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	403,418	135	17.4	15.0	10	5	67
Cleveland, Ohio.....	831,138	174	10.9	12.6	26	31	67
Columbus, Ohio.....	245,358	90	19.1	17.9	7	12	74
Dallas, Tex.....	165,282	55	17.4	10.7	9	1	.....
Dayton, Ohio.....	152,559	39	13.3	12.5	6	2	102
Denver, Colo.....	263,152	102	20.2	19.0	9	18	.....
Detroit, Mich.....	1,070,450	204	9.9	9.7	36	49	69
Fall River, Mass.....	120,668	33	14.3	10.4	12	7	168
Fort Worth, Tex.....	111,423	20	9.4	.....	2	.....	.....
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	141,197	26	9.6	19.2	2	4	33
Houston, Tex.....	144,340	39	14.1	8.7	7	2	.....
Indianapolis, Ind.....	325,632	76	12.2	13.0	6	8	46
Jersey City, N. J.....	302,788	71	12.2	13.3	9	4	57
Kansas City, Kans.....	103,884	35	17.6	10.0	2	1	46
Kansas City, Mo.....	336,157	109	16.9	18.5	20	16	.....
Los Angeles, Calif.....	614,160	168	14.3	17.1	9	19	37
Louisville, Ky.....	236,083	88	19.4	13.5	5	5	54
Lowell, Mass.....	113,757	38	17.4	18.3	9	6	151
Memphis, Tenn.....	165,656	68	21.4	10.7	8	4	.....
Milwaukee, Wis.....	468,386	50	10.0	10.6	11	22	54
Minneapolis, Minn.....	392,815	75	10.0	11.9	10	10	55
New Bedford, Mass.....	125,012	21	8.8	11.7	4	7	59
New Haven, Conn.....	167,007	40	12.5	13.4	7	6	86
New Orleans, La.....	394,657	134	17.7	16.3	13	18	.....
New York, N. Y.....	5,751,867	1,481	13.4	12.7	196	183	76
Newark, N. J.....	424,885	123	15.1	14.0	22	16	97
Norfolk, Va.....	121,260	24	10.3	12.0	7	2	124
Oakland, Calif.....	226,472	44	10.1	11.3	2	5	25
Omaha, Nebr.....	197,066	48	12.7	11.1	8	6	86
Paterson, N. J.....	137,463	39	14.8	13.3	6	4	92
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,866,212	568	15.9	13.9	72	59	85
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	602,452	187	16.2	16.6	33	36	105
Portland, Oreg.....	264,859	70	13.8	12.4	6	7	59
Providence, R. I.....	239,645	74	16.1	13.5	12	12	95
Richmond, Va.....	175,686	56	16.6	14.2	5	8	61
Rochester, N. Y.....	305,229	60	10.3	12.1	6	1	46
St. Louis, Mo.....	786,164	206	13.7	13.3	23	18	.....
St. Paul, Minn.....	237,781	66	14.5	10.7	7	1	66
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	121,595	40	17.2	14.6	6	11	89
San Francisco, Calif.....	520,546	158	15.8	15.2	8	11	46
Seattle, Wash.....	315,312	61	10.1	9.4	11	5	93
Spokane, Wash.....	104,442	31	15.5	12.5	3	2	64
Springfield, Mass.....	135,877	29	11.1	10.0	6	7	89
Syracuse, N. Y.....	177,265	49	14.4	13.8	8	6	96
Toledo, Ohio.....	253,695	65	13.4	14.4	6	5	59
Trenton, N. J.....	122,760	55	23.4	14.4	8	7	122
Washington, D. C.....	437,571	133	15.8	14.7	21	13	120
Wilmington, Del.....	113,408	27	12.4	15.2	3	5	58
Worcester, Mass.....	184,972	47	13.2	14.1	6	5	65
Yonkers, N. Y.....	103,324	24	12.1	12.1	3	4	63
Youngstown, Ohio.....	139,432	22	8.2	11.6	6	4	79

¹ Annual rate per 1,000 population.

² Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births—based on deaths under 1 year for the week and estimated births for 1921. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

³ Enumerated population Jan. 1, 1920.